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1. Attached hereto in translation is a copy of a circular, dated 16 March 1949, which has been forwarded to the Secretaries General of all the state committees in Mexico. The circular, according to source, was written by Ladislao Carbajal, Dionisio Encina, Jorge Fernandez Anaya, J. Encarnacion Valdez, and J. Encarnacion Perez. All, with the exception of Carbajal, are members of the Political Bureau and Central Committee of the Mexican Communist Party.
2. It will be noted that reference is made in Paragraph 1 of the Circular to the General Explanatory Text of the plan being "attached to the Circular". The General Explanatory Text, however, was not attached, but will be presented as a supplement when a copy is obtained.

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Comment. [redacted] reported that the Mexican Communist Party, under the guidance of Lediislaio Carbajal, Cuban Communist leader, has decided to request each State Committee to draw up "work plans" which would be followed in the various states and forward these plans to the National Organization Commission in Mexico City. It was reported that only in the Federal District had such a plan been implemented.

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MEXICAN COMMUNIST PARTY  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
Atenas 56, Mexico, D. F.

CIRCULAR  
16 March 1949

To all State Committees.  
Organizing Commissions.  
Heads of the Party.  
Members of the Central Committee.

ESTEEMED COMRADES:

The Political Bureau, in fulfillment of the resolutions of the Central Committee, has discussed and approved the GENERAL EXPLANATORY TEXT of the Plan which is to be worked out by the entire Party. This TEXT is attached to this circular and will serve as a guide for the State Committees in developing their own Working Plans, which are to be submitted at the latest by 30 March.

The General Plan, which will be definitively developed with the Plans of each State Committee, will begin 15 April and end 16 September, anniversary of the founding of our Party. That is to say, it will last five months.

As the resolution of the past Plenary Session was that a Plan of Organization should be developed with the contribution of opinions of the members of the Central Committee and the Concrete Plans of each State Committee, we are recommending that, upon receiving this circular, the State Committees, the Organizing Commissions, and the Heads of the Party in each entity hold AN EXTENDED STATE MEETING, with representatives from the maximum number of Cells, in order that the Working Plan may be developed and sent to us immediately.

However, the State Committees, when they send in their Plan, must not wait until 15 April to begin to fulfill the tasks they have assigned themselves. Rather, as soon as it is developed, they must begin to fulfill it. Regardless of whether there is an opinion of the National Executive Board or whether it is believed pertinent to modify the Plan of some State, this will be done at once, but by no means will this prevent the addition of a later amendment to the indicated tasks.

On the other hand, it is important that you realize that THE SUCCESS OF OUR WORK DEPENDS upon the application of the Plans approved by each organization and their exact fulfillment. No organization or Party member is to view the Plan with contempt; on the contrary, there must be a special determination by each Communist to fulfill to the maximum and even to exceed the Working Plan.

A very special recommendation is this: In approving the State Working Plans, the Party organizations should be realistic, and the tasks imposed should be those that can be fulfilled by systematized work. In other words, the Plans must be developed in accordance with the Party strength, with the conditions of strength among the masses, prospects, etc.

The Party must always have a complete idea of all the problems of our peasants, of all classes that work in the country, their popular characteristics, and the complexity of all their problems, in order to be able to act upon firm bases.

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Simultaneously, the Party work in organizing Communist Youth must be developed and amplified; it will serve as a school for new generations. Therefore, it is very important that through youth we win over the best young workers and peasants who desire a better life for our people on the basis of struggling for the program and principles of the Mexican Communist Party. The recruiting of women must be stimulated. We must not forget that it is the women's section that is in the greatest danger of being won over by reactionary forces and the Bourgeois Parties because of the very condition of the Mexican women. We must make the greatest effort to recruit the maximum number of women, taking experience from the role of prime importance that woman has played in social struggles and particularly within the Communist Parties throughout the world. Contempt for women's work must be put aside, and it must be given attention.

Tied in with these objectives are the tasks which will permit the attainment of the above-mentioned aims and are indispensable for the strengthening of the Party. These tasks are AGITATION AND PROPAGANDA, EDUCATION OF OUR MEMBERS, AND FINANCES OF THE PARTY. The Party must formulate concrete objectives in the field of agitation and propaganda--using all means within our reach, such as written propaganda, meetings, lectures, etc. It must educate every militant in order that he may print his propaganda personally each day. This propaganda must be opportune and clear, in order to be understood by the masses. As for Education, it is superfluous to say that it is most urgent to raise the political level of each Party member by means of the organization of study or reading circles. In connection with all the above, in order that the Communist Party may do effective work and be able to fulfill all the tasks, it must have the necessary funds. The Party must understand these problems completely. Every Communist must know that each cent given to our organization is a great aid toward the enlargement of our Party. The problem of finances is so closely linked with the life of the Party that without money we can do nothing. Therefore, it must be realized that it is a fundamental daily task of each Communist to aid the Party financially, pay his dues regularly, collect money among all his friends, and organize functions that will bring sums of money to the Party every day.

PROPAGANDA WORK THAT MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT and be of maximum value to the Party: 1.-Sale of literature. 2.-VOZ DE MEXICO. 3.-Magazine "Teoria." 4.-Educational notebooks. 5.-Fortnightly Organization Bulletin. 6.-Picture newspaper of Youth. 7.-Different Bulletins.

The National Organization Commission proposes to have the following State Committees function: BAJA CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY: CHIAPAS: CHIHUAHUA: DURANGO: GUANAJUATO: HIDALGO: MICHOACAN: OAXACA: YUCATAN: ZACATECAS.

Within our organization there must always exist criticism and self-criticism. The reason for the expulsion of certain persons was not precisely that they criticized the work of the Party but rather that they represented a group that at any cost tried to take possession of the Direction of the Party, in order to serve faithfully from the Executive Board the interests of hostile forces. If they were unable to do this, then they tried to divide it, as shown by the activity in which they are now engaged with the greatest effrontery.

The successes obtained by our Party after the entire group of traitors was thrown out of its ranks should serve as a stimulus to our work and make us understand that the Party must strengthen itself organically and politically and be converted into the Party of thousands and thousands of workers with roots among the masses.

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Hence the necessity of having each Party organization with full vision and political firmness fulfill the tasks that the National Plan of Organization will establish with the contribution of opinions of the entire Party throughout the country.

It is necessary that the Party make clear among its members the Leninist standards of organization, which are: To accept the Party Program; to belong to a Basic Organization, the Cell; and to pay dues punctually.

As an indispensable condition for the fulfillment of the general and concrete tasks of the Party, the application of its political line, and attention to the problems of the working and peasant classes, the Party throughout the country must fight to fulfill the above-mentioned standards of organization, especially those referring to the fact that each Party member must work in his respective cell and pay his dues. In proportion as we attain this, we shall have taken a step of prime importance for the development and strengthening of our organization.

All the Party organizations in the country have the duty of understanding that the exchange OF THE NEW CARNET is a political task of prime importance as respects organization, not only because the Party members are thus regularized but because by that means the members and their dues can be controlled. Therefore, the Working Plans of each State Committee must include as an important task that the Party organizations accelerate the work of CARNET EXCHANGE.

It is also important that all Party Committees educate the members in the following:

To have perfect consciousness of discipline, as an indispensable condition for Party unity.

To understand that each militant is charged with the responsibility of fulfillment of the resolutions and tasks of the Party.

To be inspired in the spirit of self-denial and sacrifice in order to give the Party everything possible for its strengthening.

For greater comprehension and success of our organizational work we must bear in mind that it must be carried out in accordance with the experience International Communism has had. So, at the front of the Party as Secretaries General of each organization must be the most proved, most experienced, and most capable men, especially men of incorruptible political stability, who will guarantee the application of our political line adjusted to the conditions and problems arising in each place and guide the Party along an appropriate path.

Likewise, it is important that in the organizational work there be formed Responsible Commissions, which will tenaciously attend the work each day with efficiency. After the political line traced by our Party, after the resolutions and tasks approved, the deciding factor in the Party is the work of Organization. Otherwise, says STALIN, all good intentions can remain simply on paper. Therefore, it is very important that in the work of organization, aside from its being attended to by the respective commissions, the entire Party from the highest director to the newest member really be concerned every day with the enlargement of the Party by the actual application of the principles and standards of organization and by care concerning recruiting, the organization of new cells, and all general work.

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The scientific doctrine on which all our activities are based, Marxism, teaches us that the Party must be supported principally by the proletariat, which is the class of a great future. That is how the Party must take the proletarian class of Mexico in our case. With this as a motto, it is very urgent that the Party through its directing agencies and chiefly through the union leaders, fulfill this suggestion, joining the workers, attending to their problems, influencing them, orienting them, and guiding them toward a common objective and toward the development of consciousness of class and of the role that it must play. The Communist Party must be the true director, as a vanguard of the working class; and therefore it must work systematically to organize the union groups, direct them wisely, keep posted on the problems that confront the workers' movement, carrying out controlled and systematized work that will gradually permit a greater and greater influence of the Party among the proletariat and upon the basis of formation of workers' cells in the principal industries. Only thus shall we attain the reinforcement of the Communist Party among the workers. Greater attention must be given by preference to work among the workers of the fundamental industries of the country, the most important industries, those of greatest future in their development; for example, in Nuevo Leon, among the metallurgists, electricians, railroad workers, textile workers, etc.; in Tamaulipas, in addition to those, among the petroleum workers, cotton and sugar workers, etc. And so throughout the country the Party must concentrate its attention on the factories and industries of greatest importance.

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